(ङ) भूमि की विभिन्न किस्मों के लिए चावल के औसत उत्पादन के लक्ष्य निर्धारित नहीं किए जाते हैं। फिर भी, आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना का लक्ष्य 1996-97 तक चावल का औसत उत्पादन 2023 किलोग्राम प्रति हैक्टेयर है।

Repair of cracked houses in earthquake in Maharashtra

2117. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government released additional financial aid for the strengthening of 1.25 lakh cracked houses in the earthquake affected districts in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether a large number of houses with cracks were also brought to the notice of the official of the visiting World Bank team;

(d) whether Government has taken a policy decision to sanction Rs. 25,000 to the nearest relatives of those killed in the earthquake, if their age was below 18 years;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the progress made so far on getting aid from World Bank for the propose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUETURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) From the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, an amount of Rs. 25,000 has been sanctioned to the nearest relative of each deceased person in the age group of 12-18 years. This amount is to be invested in identified banking institutions for a period of five years.

(f) The Pre-appraisal mission of the World Bank visited Maharashtra during November, 1993. The appraisal mission is expected to visit the State in the first week of January, 1994.

Farming without use of Dangerous Pesticides

2118. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that considerable interest has been shown by NGO(s) and Government of India in farming without use of pesticides as reflected in a number of seminars held in India during the last 2 years;

(b) whether Government have record of those meetings and organisations which organised these and groups that are supporting this movement and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Peter Proctor of Biodynamic Farming Association, Napier, New Zealand visited India recently and gave demonstrations at various meetings including college of Agriculture in Indore and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is a fact that while Government have been pouring heavy funds in chemicals based farming through subsidies, direct and indirect, and R and D work nothing worthwhile is being done for alternate agriculture which is receiving support all over the world; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the real significance of alternate agriculture has not emerged due to powerful vested interests operating in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY AGRICULTURAL (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) A Seminar-cum-Workshop on Bio-dynamic Agriculture System was organised at Indore in October, 1993 where Peter Proctor of Bio-dynamic Framing Association, Napier, New Zealand also gave field demonstrations to many farmers and faculty members of Agriculture college, Indore.